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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THORNBERRY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 6, 2004.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MAC THORNBERRY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Alan N. Keiran, Chief of Staff, Office of the U.S. Senate Chaplain, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, our Eternal Father whose majesty fills the universe, we give thanks for Your enduring mercy and steadfast love. We are mindful that every sunrise is a gift and every day an opportunity to honor You in thought, word, and deed.

Gracious Lord, we ask this morning for Your special blessing on our Nation's Representatives and those that so skillfully serve them here in our Nation's Capitol and in home districts. Grant them the wisdom, courage, discernment, and grace needed to nobly discharge their momentous duties.

Lord, may the radiant warmth of Your eternal providence continue to shine upon this great Republic. May all citizens of this noble land know the width, breadth, and depth of Your life-transforming presence.

I pray this in Your Holy Name. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1612. An act to establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer program within the Department of Homeland Security.

The message also announced that pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 130 (One Hundred Sixth Congress), the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, appoints the following individual to the Task Force on Slave Laborers:

Virginia Walden-Ford of Washington, D.C.

### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning hour debates.

There was no objection.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6649. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Hazelnuts Grown in Oregon and Washington; Established of Interim Final and Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2003-2004 Marketing Year [Docket No. FV04-982-1 IFR] received February 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6650. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Onions Grown in South Texas; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV03-959-4FR] received February 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6651. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Milk in the Pacific Northwest Marketing Area; Interim Order Amending the Order [Docket No. AO-368-A30; DA-01-08-PNW] received February 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6652. A letter from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Almonds Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Docket No. FV04-981-1 IFR] received February 2, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6653. A letter from the Secretary, LOCAL Television Loan Guarantee Board, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — LOCAL Television Loan Guarantee Program (RIN: 0572-AB82) received January 28, 2004, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6654. A letter from the Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Agency Organization

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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